

Each fall, Kalamazoo Public Library, hosts the *Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee* to benefit the early childhood literacy program, *Ready to Read*. 100% of the donations are used to purchase books for preschoolers in Kalamazoo County.

This year gives a unique challenge to this event due to Covid-19. We need to get books in the hands of children more than ever and we need continued financial support for *Ready to Read* to make this happen.

Ready to Read provides books for 0–5 year olds throughout Kalamazoo County through partnerships with many organizations that serve children and their caregivers. Pediatric wellness visits, Early On home visitation programs, child care centers, Loaves and Fishes, special Party in the Park events and much more—all receive books from Ready to Read to share with our youngest learners.

Ready to Read distributed over 16,000 books in 2019!

Every \$3 donated will purchase one brand new book to begin building a personal library for a child. To learn more about Ready to Read and the outreach work that is led by Kalamazoo Public Library, please visit kpl.gov/r2r or email

R2R@kpl.gov. Sponsors will be featured in an upcoming issue of the library's newsletter, *PRISM*.





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